

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE****LIVE PREVIEW FOR REFORMATTING DOCUMENT TEXT**

5           Reformatting a previously formatted portion of document text using a  
“live preview” technique. A sample of formats from a format set may be determined.  
A previously formatted portion of text within the document may be identified, for  
example, by identifying the portion of text positioned immediately adjacent to a  
cursor or by identifying a highlighted portion of text. For each format included in the  
10   sample of formats, the portion of text may be reformatted and displayed in a live  
preview window. The live preview window may be a floating window that hovers  
above the document. A custom format, such as a user-defined format may be added to  
the sample of formats. In response to adding the custom format to the sample of  
15   formats, the portion of text may be reformatted with the custom format and displayed  
along with the rest of the live preview text in the live preview window. Accordingly,  
the user may view and compare the portion of text formatted in a variety of formats  
from the format set and/or custom formats, prior to actually reformatting the portion  
of text in the document.

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